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A second cultivation of plants was being carried out in Arad, Timiscara, Bihor, and Bucharest regions, but was neglected in Constanta, Bacau, Iotlosani, and Teleorman regions, committees reported (2) early in June. By 21 June "trusts" (trusturi) and state farms in Bucharest, Constanta, Galati, and Iasi Regions had finished cultivation and weeding.(4) At the end of the month Scanteia reported that many executive committees of people's councils in Bacau, Constanta, Dolj, Botosani, and Iasi regions had failed to mobilize peasants and had neglected to teach the value of cultivation and weeding.(5)

The survey by individual regions is as follows:

Baia Mare Region

Application of the agrominimum in Baia Mare Rayon was not successful up to 15 June. Thirteen out of 18 communes had not used new methods at all. In an effort to improve the situation authorities declared that any peasant who permitted his fields to become overgrown with weeds would be declared a kulak.(6)

Cluj Region

Alud Rayon obtained excellent results by use of the agrominimum.(7)

Arad Region

On 8 June conferences were held in 19 communes and on nine collective farms to give peasants a better knowledge of the agrominimum.(8)

Dolj Region

Caracal Rayon applied the agrominimum successfully.(9) By 14 June the rayon had cultivated its entire corn crop twice and other crops partially for the second time. Beans, potatoes, and sunflowers were cultivated 50 percent for the second time.(10) Scanteia pointed out, however, that some corn had failed to grow at all because of faulty application of the new methods.(11) Corabia Rayon reported good results.(12) By the end of June, 1,002 hectares of harvested area had been destubbed.(13)

Teleorman Region

Crops were neglected in Teleorman Region. New techniques were not used. Cultivation was far in arrears. First cultivation of corn was incomplete. Second cultivation in some areas had barely begun. Sunflowers were not cultivated in some sections. The cultivation and weeding of cotton, sugar beets, and other industrial plants were far beyond schedule.(14)

Bucharest Region

The agrominimum in Bucharest region as a whole was satisfactory.(15) Oltenita (16), Giurgiu (17), and Mihailesti (18) rayons reported good results. The Enagov area was far behind, however, (19).

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The entire Ploesti Rayon finished cultivation of winter and spring crops. A second cultivation was carried out on 968 hectares of corn and 373 hectares of sunflowers. Other aspects of the agrominimum have been ignored by peasants.(20)

Valcea Region

In Raurnicul-Valcea Rayon cultivation made good progress. Rye was artificially pollinized and fruit trees sprayed against caterpillars.(21)

Mures Region

Approximately 70,000 collectivists and working peasants in more than 200 communities in Gheorghieni, Ludus, Targul-Mures, and Tarnaveni rayons participated in discussions of new agricultural methods and the agrominimum.(22) The agrominimum in the Mures valley included crop rotation, fertilizer, and use of fallow areas.(23) Cultivation and other methods in Targul-Mures and Ludus rayons proved successful.(24) By 10 June 97 percent of the agricultural area in Targul-Mures and Ludus rayons was cultivated once, and about one third had been cultivated twice. However, Regin and Sangeorgiul-de-Padure lagged behind. In Regin, only one third of the grain area had been cultivated. In one community of Sangeorgiul-de-Padure only 10 percent had been cultivated.(25)

Suceava Region

The agrominimum was not applied successfully in Campulung-Moldovenesc and Suceava rayons.(25)

Botosani Region

Cultivation of crops was behind schedule in Botosani Region as of 11 June. First cultivation was only 49 percent completed, and second cultivation was only 5 percent completed.(26) Manure was used widely in Dorohoi Rayon.(27)

Iasi Region

Application of the agrominimum in Iasi Region was led by 40 teachers from the Agronomical Institute of Iasi. Seven hundred men worked directly under their supervision. Inspections by committees showed that the agrominimum was successfully applied. New methods had been under investigation by the institute since 1950. The institute proved that 4,111 kilograms per hectare of corn could be produced where shallow disk destubbling was used instead of plowing. This method led to yields of 2,167 kilograms per hectare of winter wheat. Additional use of fertilizer by the institute resulted in an additional 809 kilograms per hectare of winter wheat. By using 30,000 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare, yields of 5,198 kilograms of corn were obtained.(28) The agrominimum was reported to be satisfactory in Codaesti Rayon.(29)

Barlad Region

Artificial pollination was introduced throughout the region. State farms in Bogdana, Laza, and Zorleni devoted 30 hectares each to experiments with artificial pollination, manure, and chemical fertilizers. State farms in

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Voinești used 171 hectares each; those in Lugdava, 102 hectares each; and those in Bănești and Crivești, 81 each. Collectives in Mitoc, Sărgi, Dragănești, and other villages followed suit. (30) In Barlad Rayon, second cultivation of corn and sunflowers, and artificial pollination of rye were carried out. (31) One community was found to be lagging behind, however. The People's Council of Barlad Rayon discovered that the community of Ivesti had submitted false records. These records stated that the entire sunflower area had been cultivated. However, a spot check revealed that large areas were overgrown with weeds. Kulaks had interfered with the repair of machinery. The agrominimum had not been applied at all and peasants had ignored propaganda brochures. (32)

Galati Region

In Macin, Faurei, Galati, and Tulcea rayons artificial pollination of grain began by 13 June. (33) In some areas winter wheat was cultivated a second time. In Targu-Bujor Rayon sunflowers and corn were cultivated according to plan. (34)

Ialomita Region

In Calarasi Rayon sunflowers were cultivated for the third time by 12 June. (35) Areas where potatoes had been gathered were covered with manure. (36) Unaccustomed to remain behind in cultivation and other measures included in the agrominimum. (37)

Constanta Rayon

"Supplementary" artificial pollination was carried out on 258 hectares of rye and 623 hectares of lucerne in Constanta Rayon. (38)

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